

TOWN MANAGER
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TOWN ATTORNEY
Tom Brooke



MAYOR
Charles Seaford

TOWN COUNCIL
Don Bringle
Arthur Heggins
Brandon Linn
Rodney Phillips
Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE
Electronic Meeting
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seaford called the regular meeting of May 5, 2020 to order. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Seaford called roll. All council members were electronically present. There was a quorum.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from April 7th, 2020 regular meeting

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- I) Proposed FY 20-21 Budget

Mr. Deal stated we are in a difficult time and we are proposing a balanced budget that is lean and will cover expenses throughout the fiscal year. He stated he felt this was the best way to go until we learn the impact to sales tax revenue from the COVID-19. He stated \$308,000.00 worth of request from Department Heads were removed from the budget and we are proposing the use of \$168,000.00 from cash reserves. He stated we also removed the merit pool for employees, and no capital outlay for this year. He stated we are still trying to do some paving projects totaling \$74,500.00.

He stated we are waiting until June 1st to make a determination on if we will hold Farmers Day.

Mr. Bringle asked if there were funds that will carry over from Christmas in the Grove. Mr. Deal stated we received donations for the snow for sledding that will be carried over for the next year.

Mr. Bringle asked about resurfacing the area on HWY 152 near Millers Grove. Mr. Deal stated we are hiring a firm to evaluate the streets out there. He stated the roads have been left in disarray for at least 10 years. He stated there are a lot of problems that an engineering firm will need to look at and then approach his contactor with the information. He stated we are holding close to \$190,000.00 but this will not be enough to finish it out. Mr. Gover stated we have received several complaints from the residents and the HOA about repairing these streets. He stated Phase I and II are complete and we are trying to get Gary Knox and the developer to

pave the streets. He stated Chris Corriher with SEPI will be doing an evaluation and provide a list of failures. He stated this will involve taking core samples to be analyzed to see if we are going to inherit serious liabilities in the future. He stated McGill is providing construction inspections and construction drawings so the developer can accurately price the project.

Mr. Linn thanked staff for working diligently on the budget during this time.

II) Set Public Hearing for FY 20-21 Budget

Mr. Stroud made a motion to set the public hearing on June 2nd, 2020 for the FY 20-21 Budget. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mrs. Bopp stated she has received 5 RFP's from area banks. She stated all RFP's submitted were the same price we are currently paying except one was \$20.00 less a month in fees. She stated you cannot change all the records for the \$240.00 savings. She stated we are proposing that we stay with First Horizon Bank.

Mr. Linn asked does Phase I of the Stay at Home Order include opening parks. Mr. Bringle stated playground equipment is still closed but parks and trails will be open. He stated in Phase II the playground equipment can be open.

Mr. Heggins thanked the Council and Staff for the flowers and for supporting him during the celebration of his mother's live.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Charles Seaford
Mayor